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SUBJ: ODUBER COMMENTS ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. WHILE TRAVELING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THIS PAST WEEKEND, PRESIDENT RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN THE COSTA RICAN CONSTITUTION. ALL THE MORNING PAPERS OF JUNE 9 REPORTED THE SAME BASIC CONTENT.

2. ODUBER REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF A CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM THAT WOULD ALLOW PRESIDENTIAL REELECTION, BUT HE SAID THE REFORM SHOULD NOT BE MADE JUST TO FAVOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO EX-PRESIDENTS JOSE FIGUERES AND JOSE JOAQUIN TREJOS FERNANDEZ). HE ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT IF A PERSON IS DOING A GOOD JOB AS PRESIDENT THEN HE SHOULD "STAY 20 YEARS IF NECESSARY".

3. ODUBER ALSO RESPONDED THAT HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, THROUGH A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, BUT HE HADN'T DECIDED IF SUCH A MOVE WAS RIGHT FOR THE COUNTRY NOW.
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